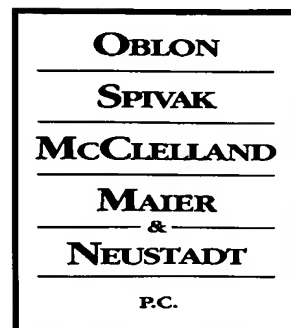




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Docket No.: 217916US0

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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/033,920
Applicants: Tomoyuki KAYAMA, et al.
Filing Date: January 3, 2002
For: MOLTEN-SALT TYPE CATALYST
Group Art Unit: 1755
Examiner: Hailey, P.L.
Allowed: April 8, 2004

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)
Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated September 3, 2003
Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed September 3, 2003
Copy of Form PTO 1449 filed September 3, 2003
Copy of Cited Reference (1) filed September 3, 2003

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Petitioners respectfully request the Office to invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider Petitioners' Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, concurrently filed herewith, and also indicate that U.S. 5,884,474 cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 3, 2003, has been considered. Petitioners respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Petitioners submit herewith copies of the Information Disclosure Statements as filed on September 3, 2003, along with a copy of the reference for which consideration is requested and a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof.

For the reasons given above, this petition should be GRANTED.

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